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## **Azusa Man Sentenced to Life for Attempted Murder, Mayhem in Ex-Girlfriend Attack**

A 21-year-old man was sentenced today to 22 years to life in state prison for slashing his teenage ex-girlfriend's throat in 2016, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Presciliano Duran said Jason Scott Gustin of Azusa was found guilty on Oct. 9, 2018, of attempted murder and mayhem in case GA099518.

The jury also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury upon the victim under circumstances involving domestic violence and that he used a knife during the commission of the crimes.

Gustin's 17-year-old girlfriend broke up with him on Aug. 17, 2016, after nearly two years of dating. Five days later, the defendant convinced her to meet again to talk about the end of their relationship, the prosecutor said.

According to testimony at trial, the two met near Arcadia and sat in Gustin's car to talk when he pulled out a knife and slashed her throat and then began strangling her. As the victim tried to escape, the defendant slashed the back of her neck, stabbed her arm and cut the entire length of her right thigh, according to the prosecutor.

When the victim was finally able to get herself out of the vehicle, she ran nearly a quarter of a mile to a nearby convalescent home. Gustin chased her but a nurse at the home locked the doors and prevented his entry, according to witness testimony. He was arrested a short time later after he showed up at his mother's workplace, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Temple Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.